Early Intervention

Summary of Proposed Changes – 20th Year Grant Application

The DPH is proposing to amend its 20th year grant for funding under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) known in Massachusetts as the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. Specifically the Department is proposing to change program eligibility and the Annual Fee.

Program Eligibility
- Current Eligibility: A child must exhibit a 25% level of delay or 1 standard deviation in one developmental area to be eligible for program services.

- Proposed Eligibility: A child will need to exhibit a 30% level of delay or 1.5 standard deviation in one developmental area to be eligible for program services.

[Note: There is no proposed change to eligibility based on "established condition" or "at-risk" criteria.]

Annual Fee
- Current Annual Fee: Families are required to pay an annual fee based on their family size and income in relation to the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG.)

  - $0 for families < 200% of the FPIG (no charge for MassHealth)
  - $25 for families between 200% and 300% of FPIG (max of $50/family)
  - $50 for families between 301% and 400% of FPIG (max of $100/family)
  - $150 for families between 401% and 550% of FPIG (max of $300/family)
  - $250 for families >550% of FPIG (max of $500/family)

- Proposed Annual Fee: The Department is proposing the current structure by adding fee levels for higher income families. [Note that there is no change for families with incomes at or below 550% of FPIG.]

  - $0 for families < 200% of the FPIG (no charge for MassHealth)
  - $25 for families between 200% and 300% of FPIG (max of $50/family)
  - $50 for families between 301% and 400% of FPIG (max of $100/family)
  - $150 for families between 401% and 550% of FPIG (max of $300/family)
  - $500 for families between 551% and 750% of FPIG (max of $1,000/family)
  - $1,000 for families >750% of FPIG (max of $2,000/family)